

becomes blinded from seeing any new possibilities other than the singularly drab existence he has been accustomed to leading.

He finds it difficult to learn by watching others. Instead, he would rather work through each of life's experiences himself. As a result, he spends more time, effort and energy in each growth phase than he has to. Still, he feels he must be sure of himself. So great is his need for security that even when he makes changes in his life, they are in fact not changes at all, but merely other aspects of the same behavior patterns he has been using all along.

In past incarnations he developed a sensitivity to his environment. In order to cope with the continuation of such a sensitivity, he starts early in this life to explore the world of sensory impressions. He learns what feels pleasurable and how to obtain it. Nevertheless, he always seems to fall short of reaching complete and lasting satisfaction. He doesn't realize that one appetite begets another. His great need for possessions makes it difficult for him to enjoy what he does not personally own. As a result, he thrusts himself into long-enduring battles of ownership over people, things and ideas. He stubbornly holds onto all that comes his way. The more he collectively accumulates, the more he traps himself. What was in other lifetimes a great need for the acquiring of substance now turns into the extra weight of excess baggage he is carrying. As the years go by, the yoke of his burdens becomes heavier.

He has created a need to feel powerful so that he can seek temporary refuge from the dismal sense of failure that has plagued him in former incarnations. As a result, he even goes so far as to seek in this life an occupation which puts him in an authoritative position.

He has undergone so much past life damage to the ego that he now experiences an intense need to prove himself worthy of respect. He will fall into deep depression when confronted with the possibility of others

finding him lacking in any area. To prevent this from happening, he will push himself towards success no matter what the cost.

It is almost a certainty that at some time in this life the intensity of his karma will bring him to be at least circumstantially involved with the police.

As he reaches for his Scorpio North Node, this individual undergoes a complete transformation. He starts to kill old behavior patterns by burning bridges behind him. Experiences teach him how to cut ties cleanly, so that he does not walk into the future with both feet tied to the past. His biggest growth occurs when he is able to let go.

Inner dependency needs must be transformed into complete independence of thought and action. Strength increases with each passing year as he slowly discards from his consciousness all that oppresses him.

He must learn how objectively to study the results of his subconscious desires so that he can earn self-respect through practicing self-discipline.

These Nodes symbolize the soul who for many lifetimes has been moving along a decadent path. Now the soul vessel is to be turned upside down in order to rid itself of the decay it has collected.

Fulfilling the karma of this overturning process is extremely painful to the individual, as he may lose all he ever held near and dear. In the end, he will unquestionably relinquish more than he bargained for.

So powerful is this transformation that many with these Nodes eventually spend their later years alone. In the process of eliminating excess, they have discarded everything but themselves.

Nevertheless, much of this is necessary if the individual is to reach the point where he can see himself clearly on the very deepest of levels. Out of this symbolic death of all he ever possessed will come his new life.

The house position of the South Node indicates the area which has become decadent as a result of past incarnations. The house position of the North Node